(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that this year alone 58 important leaders, including 10 Chief and Deputy Chief Commanders and 28 District Commanders have been eliminated in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the security cover for the high ranking officials and leaders in that State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) A result oriented network between intelligence agencies and security forces has been established by Central Government, jointly with the State Government of J&K which include, *inter-alia,* systems to share actionable intelligence at various level; use of upgraded technical equipment, strengthened network to collect intelligence; and regular meetings between intelligence agencies and Security Forces.

(c) More than sixty high ranking terrorists of different outfits have been eliminated by security forces.

(d) Government have taken various steps to categorize the security cover of different high-ranking officials and leaders as per the threat perception. Necessary protection has been provided to them on the basis of threat perception by way of Personal Security Officers, guards and even vehicles. The security cover is extended to all such officials and leaders by adhering to set parameters. The security cover is constantly being reviewed on the basis of threat perception received from field intelligence units. Specific advisories have also been issued to State Government from time to time, to strengthen the security arrangements in respect of persons under threat in the State.

Nabbing of BSF personnel for drug trafficking

2125. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence had nabbed a Dy. Commandant of Border Security Force deployed along the Indo-Pak border outpost for drug trafficking;

(b) whether nabbed Dy. Commandant had been serving in the same outpost almost three years, thereby establishing regular contacts with the Pakistan drug cartel; and

(c) what steps are being taken by BSF to prevent deployment of same personnel at outpost over a long tenure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The nabbed Dy. Commandant was not posted at any border outpost but at Sector Headquarters BSF at Gurdaspur (Punjab) since July, 2001, where normal tenure of posting is three years. Investigation in this case is still in progress with Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

(c) BSF Battalions remain deployed at a particular location for three years. Location of the companies of a deployed Battalion is generally changed in a yearly cycle and personnel within the company are also shifted after few months from one location to another.

Setting up of unified command to counter naxalism

2126. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up a unified command to counter naxalite problem; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Extremists operating in the country

2127. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many groups of extremists are in operation at present all over the country;

(b) what about their hide-outs;

(c) what steps Government contemplated to dislodge their hide-outs, inland or abroad; and

(d) how many extremists have so far surrendered their arms during last three years and turned to normal life?